

# FOUR IRISH REBELS PUT TO DEATH IN REPRISAL FOR KILLING OF HALES

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## AGAINST THE

### "CONSPIRACY OF ASSASSINATION"

O'Connor and Melowes Were Leaders of the Band of Irish Insurgents That Held Four Courts Against Free State Troops Last June

Dublin, Dec. 8 (By the Associated Press).—Roy O'Connor and Liam Melowes, together with two other Irish rebels, were executed in Mount-Joy prison this morning. It was officially announced.

The two other men executed, it was later announced, were Joseph McKelvey and Richard Barrett, both prominent republicans.

An official army report states that the four men were executed as a reprisal for the assassination of Deputy Sean Hales yesterday and as a solemn warning to those associated with them "in the conspiracy of assassination against the representatives of the Irish people."

The prisoners were tried by a military court martial during the night, found guilty and sentenced to death. The death sentence was carried out at 9:30 o'clock this morning. Three priests were present. The prisoners, blindfolded, were marched to the place of execution. O'Connor had to be assisted to the scaffold.

The startling swiftness with which the free state government acted in consequence of the assassination of Deputy Hales caused a great sensation among Dublinites, used as they are to sensational happenings.

Through today's executions the irregular lost two of their principal leaders and two important, although less known, men. All four surrendered after the destruction of the four courts, in the seizure of which O'Connor and Melowes took a leading part.

Roderick (Rory) O'Connor and "General" Liam Melowes were leaders of the band of Irish insurgents that held the four courts building in Dublin in its stand against the free state troops last June. Each was taken prisoner when the building was captured after a three-day siege.

The shooting of Deputy Sean Hales, for which the free state army statement declares today's executions were a reprisal, occurred as Hales, with Brigadier General Patrick O'Mallies, deputy speaker of the lower house of the new Parliament, were on their way to the Parliament session. They were attacked with revolvers just as they were leaving the Ormond hotel. Deputy Hales died shortly afterward. General O'Mallies, shot in the head and arm, was operated upon, and it was stated late last night that his condition was not critical.

Hales was one of Michael Collins' closest friends. His brother, Tom, is on the other side—one of the most prominent of the irregular leaders and is reported to have acknowledged himself responsible for the ambush which resulted in Michael Collins' death last summer.

Both Rory O'Connor and Liam Melowes had figured prominently in the insurgent activities and both had been arrested a number of times.

Melowes, who had hardly passed his 27th birthday, had the more romantic career. Even when in his teens, he was an indefatigable worker for the republican cause. He organized the Fian Arreagan, a body of boys who pledged their lives for a free Ireland and made a bicycle tour of the country.

In 1915 he was arrested by the British but escaped and a price of 1,000 pounds was put on his head. Finally his hiding place was discovered and he was surrounded, but he broke through the lines, disguised as a nun and reached the sea coast, where he shipped as a stoker and, after a stormy voyage, arrived in America. During the later days of the World war he lived in the United States, but in 1919 returned to Ireland to engage again in the fight for the republic.

Rory O'Connor was educated to be an engineer, completing a course in Dublin university, after which he received an appointment in western Canada. The possibility of entering the Irish fight for freedom apparently never entered his mind until the outbreak of the World war, when he suddenly left his lonely camp in Canada, crossed the ocean and became one of the central figures in the famous Easter Rebellion of 1916. He was captured, but later released under the amnesty.

For many months he took an active part in the guerrilla warfare which scourged Ireland, but it was as the leader of the republican forces that

seized the Four Courts building in Dublin that he first came into international prominence. His defense of that place in the face of artillery bombardment from the free state guns caught the popular imagination on both sides of the Atlantic.

However, the hopelessness of the situation, with reinforcements lacking and the free state forces sent on a prolonged siege, if necessary, finally induced him to surrender and since that time he had been treated as a prisoner of war.

## "WAR TO THE DEATH."

Is Defi of Irish Republicans to New Government.

London, Dec. 8 (By the Associated Press).—The Irish republicans, says a dispatch to the Evening Standard from Dublin, have issued a manifesto describing Timothy Healy, the governor general, as a life-long enemy of the nation. The manifesto adds: "The fight will go on as long as there is a man in Ireland. It is war to the death."

## REPRISAL ON REPRISAL.

Hospital Raiders Shot Free State Soldier As He Lay in Bed.

London, Dec. 8 (By the Associated Press).—The Dublin correspondent of the Evening Standard reports that a party of men to-day entered the Mercer's hospital and shot a free state soldier lying in one of the beds, in reprisal for the execution of Roy O'Connor and Liam Melowes.

## DEPIS THE LEGION.

Gadski Says She Will Sing In Los Angeles.

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 8.—Madame Johanna Gadski, noted singer, announced here she will sing in Los Angeles on December 11, despite protests of the American Legion.

Madame Gadski declared she would begin action for damages against persons or publications spreading a false story as to the manner in which she received news of the sinking of the Lusitania.

The singer said she held a statement from the department of justice showing her status while residing in America never had been questioned by the authorities.

## DEPENDS ON POINCARE.

Whether Premiers Will Agree On Proposals.

London, Dec. 8. (By the Associated Press).—Agreement among the allied premiers upon reparations and the inter-allied debts depends largely upon the proposals which Premier Poincare is expected to unfold at tomorrow's meeting here, according to an authoritative statement from the Belgian delegation, which arrived this morning.

The Belgians have arrived without any knowledge of fresh proposals from Germany.

## BETHEL

The second monthly event of the Blue-Triangles Outing club will occur tomorrow when the elder girls will meet at 9 o'clock at the home of Miss Elizabeth Pease, and will like to the quarries, returning overland to Shaw's pasture in time for dinner. The younger girls will meet at the home of Mrs. John J. Wilson at 11 o'clock and will join the other party in time for dinner.

All are expected to carry lunches. Not only the members, but only school girls, but the older girls of the town who are out of school are invited to join in this outing.

Miss Lucella H. Atkinson, who teaches in Middlefield, Conn., recently visited friends in town.

The register of the Camp Brook school for the fall term shows that Ruth Martin had a perfect record, with no absent, nor tardy, nor dismissal marks; Leonard Preston was absent one day because of sickness; Francis Duval was absent one and one-half days; Lula Davenport, George Gould and Edward Gould each had one tardy mark. Miss Ethel Thompson was the teacher.

A genuine surprise party was given the families of E. E. Rogers and T. N. Chapman at the Chapman home on Wednesday evening. About 20 of their friends in the Finley bridge district made up the party, which merged the birthday anniversary of Mr. Rogers and Mrs. Chapman, whose families have met each year for several years at the celebration. Games were played, stories told, music and readings enjoyed and all had a good time.

In yesterday's item regarding an appointment for Annie Wilson, the statement should have been that he was appointed to the United States military academy and two others to the United States naval academy.

F. B. Rice has opened a shop in the laundry of the vacant inn building, where he will do repairs and painting of all kinds of furniture.

## MONTPELIER

The election of officers of Sons of Veterans camp, No. 90, which was set for last Wednesday night, was postponed for two weeks because of a small attendance due to bad weather. The election will be held Wednesday night, Dec. 20.

Mrs. Harry Hodgkins and Mrs. Osmann went to Burlington to-day. B. G. Miles has gone to Newport where he has secured employment as superintendent on a job for the Cummings Construction company.

Capt. William Kelley, who has been at first corps area headquarters in Boston on work for the World War history commission, has returned and is attending the National Guard officers' school.

## ASTORIA, ORE., MASS OF RUINS

Loss From Great Conflagration May Reach \$15,000,000

## BUSINESS PART

IS WIPED OUT

One Man Dropped Dead of Excitement—Another Missing

Astoria, Ore., Dec. 8 (By the Associated Press).—The business district of Astoria was laid in ruins by a fire which broke out shortly after 2 a. m. to-day and despite efforts of the local fire department and reinforcements from Portland, swept 16 blocks, causing a loss estimated at between \$10,000,000 and \$15,000,000.

One man was reported dead and another missing.

According to reports from the fire-swept district, Morris Staples, president of the Bank of Commerce, dropped dead. Another report said Brennan Van Dusen, a business man, was missing. W. H. Feldman, furniture dealer, who had been reported dead earlier in the morning, later was found.

The flames at 8 a. m. had eaten under the pavement on Commercial street, burning the piling on which the city had been built, and firemen were unable to cope with this development.

Patients were removed from St. Mary's hospital, all the windows of which were shattered by explosions of dynamite or gasoline tanks.

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As to the carriers themselves, Mr. Harding suggests ways of increased economy and efficiency there is a merger of lines into systems, interchange of freight cars, the consolidation of facilities and the economic use of terminals. He declares that the managers of the lines are without that inter-carrier, co-operative relationship "so highly essential to the best and most economical operations," adding that they could not function in harmony when the recent strike threatened the paralysis of all railway transportation.

## PROPOSED ADVERTISING.

By Physicians to Counteract Influence of "Druggists' Healers."

Detroit, Dec. 8.—A campaign of advertising by physicians to overcome the growing influence upon the public of druggists' healers, was advocated here last night by Dr. Albert Solland of Los Angeles, a speaker before the convention of the radiological society of North America.

Honorary degrees awarded by the society annually for outstanding achievement went to Dr. Francis H. Williams, and Dr. Francis C. Wood of Columbia university. Dr. Percy Brown, Boston, was awarded a gold medal.

## MORRIS & CO IN THE DARK.

Not Fully Informed by Armour & Co. About Steps Taken.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—An unexpected turn in the discussed merger of Morris and company and Armour and company, developed to-day when a signed statement issued by the former firm was made public. It was over the signatures of Nelson Morris, chairman of the board of directors and Edward Morris, president of the company.

The statement indicated that J. Ogden Armour, of Armour and company, in visits to Washington and conferences with government officials on the proposed merger has not taken of officials of Morris and company into his confidence. At least part of Morris and company officials' knowledge of his nation, as indicated by the statement, was obtained from newspaper reports.

## MRS. MALLORY TO TRY AGAIN.

Will Play at Wimbledon for World's Woman Tennis Title.

New York, Dec. 8.—Mrs. Molla Mallory, woman's singles tennis champion, will go to Wimbledon next year in a quest of the title of world's woman tennis champion now held by Miss Suzanne Lenglen of France, according to her present plans. She will leave for Europe probably late in February and will participate in tournaments at several of the winter resorts on the continent, playing later in the hard court events in England, France and Spain.

## TIPS ARE WORTHLESS.

And Police Are Baffled as to Whereabouts of Mrs. Phillips.

Los Angeles, Dec. 8.—Mrs. Clara Phillips, hammer murderer, who saved her way to freedom from the Los Angeles county jail last Tuesday morning, was still free early to-day. The police of the greater part of the country and of the Mexican territory of Lower California as well are on the watch for her.

But so far the search has resulted only in scores of "tips" which have proved worthless. The local police said they hardly knew in what direction to look for Mrs. Phillips.

## REJECTS \$10,000 OFFER.

Frank W. Cavanaugh Will Not Go to University of Alabama.

Boston, Dec. 8.—An offer to serve as football coach of the University of Alabama at a salary of \$10,000 has been refused by Frank W. Cavanaugh, Boston college gridiron mentor, it was learned to-day. He is under a term contract to Boston college.

## HARDING URGES ENFORCEMENT

Tells Congress of Purpose To Call Governors' Conference

## TO ADOPT DEFINITE COOPERATION

Proposes Abolishment of Railroad Labor Board

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—President Harding, in his annual message delivered to-day to Congress in person, deals with nearly a score of subjects, chief among them prohibition, farm credits, the transportation problem, child labor and immigration.

He announces his purpose to invite the governors of the states and territories to an early conference with the federal executive authority with a view to adopting definite policies of national and state co-operation in administering the prohibition laws. He says the day is unlikely to come when the prohibition amendment will be repealed and that the nation should adapt its course accordingly.

President Harding tells Congress that if the statutory provisions for prohibition enforcement are contrary to deliberate public opinion, which he does not believe, the rigorous and literal enforcement will concentrate public attention on any requisite modification.

"Such a course," he adds, "conforms with the law and saves the humiliation of our people before the world and challenges the destructive forces engaged in widespread violation, official corruption and individual demoralization."

With regard to the transportation problem, Mr. Harding proposes that the railroad labor board be abolished with the substitution of a labor division in the interstate commerce commission with ample power to require its rulings to be accepted by both parties to a disputed question. The executive also proposes that the law require the carriers and their employees to institute means and methods to negotiate between themselves their constantly arising differences, limiting appeals to the government body to disputes of such character as are likely to affect the public welfare.

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## SENATE DEFENDED.

Sen. Pepper Says It Is a Proper Subject of Study by Patriots.

New York, Dec. 8.—The United States Senate was defended and held up as a proper subject of study by patriotic Americans in an address by Senator Pepper of Pennsylvania, to-day before the Association of Life Insurance Presidents.

He declared much of the uncompromising discussion of the Senate was due to "widespread ignorance among critics respecting what the Senate actually does."

Senator Pepper urged the life insurance industry to leave "the easy decadence of the Senate and go to the chairs at the club, but beseeching the primary in order to exercise an effective influence in selecting senatorial candidates."

Greater political interest by wealthy American fathers, the senator said, would remove the present danger that "the sons of privilege in America will degenerate into little snobs who think themselves too good for politics."

## TO "DRY UP" BROADWAY.

Drastic Enforcement of Prohibition Planned.

New York, Dec. 8.—In preparation for the most drastic enforcement of the state prohibition law in white light cabarets, restaurants and dance halls around the holiday season, orders to "dry up Broadway" were received yesterday by commanders of the two Trenchard police stations, with instructions that every patrolman be held accountable for hip-pocket violations as well.

## SUBSTITUTE FOR ANTHRACITE.

Research Work Is Recommended in Massachusetts.

Boston, Dec. 8.—Because of the present shortage of anthracite coal, Eugene C. Hultman, chairman of the state commission on necessities, has petitioned the legislature for an appropriation of \$10,000 to be applied to research work at Massachusetts institute of Technology or some other institution into possible substitutes for anthracite.

## COAL LOST AT SEA.

Barge With 750 Tons Went Down Off Stratford Point, Conn.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 8.—The report yesterday that a barge containing 750 tons of coal had foundered off Stratford Point, was confirmed last night at the office of McCusker and Schoeder company here. Officials of the company said that the crew of the barge had been saved.

## SOUGHT A GUNMAN TO KILL HUSBAND

Mrs. Mary Blenn Ford of Detroit Is Alleged to Have Plotted Death of Neely J. Ford.

Detroit, Dec. 8.—Mrs. Mary Blenn Ford solicited the services of a gunman to kill her wealthy husband, Neely J. Ford, offered the gunman \$20,000 for the "job" and gave him a photograph of her husband to make sure the right man was slain, according to the sworn statements of four detectives, whose investigation resulted in Mrs. Ford's detention to-day on a charge of attempting to commit murder.

Denying the charge, Mrs. Ford declared she was the victim of "a frame-up," that grew out of her domestic difficulties.

Mrs. Ford was arrested last night when, it is alleged, she was about to meet Edward Kunath, a detective lieutenant, for a second conference on her reported plans for the slaying of her husband. Kunath, it was said, posed as a "Kansas City gunman."

Several plans for the killing were presented by Mrs. Ford, the officers declared. One, they said, was that he be shot in his farm home, west of Detroit, and the others were that he be shot or slugged while working about the barn, the body to be buried in a haystack. Before destruction of the body, Ford's gold teeth were to be removed to forestall identification should the plot miscarry, it was said.

The \$20,000 was to be paid, the detectives declared, as soon as Mrs. Ford should have come into possession of her husband's estate.

The conference with the detectives was alleged, police said, after they heard Mrs. Ford "was looking for a gunman."

The officers added that Ford had been warned several days ago against continued residence at his farm.

Before her marriage to Ford a year ago, Mrs. Ford was a nurse, employed in Toledo.

## 118 BOTTLES OF WHISKEY.

Found in a Burlington Residence—One Arrest Made.

Burlington, Dec. 8.—Prohibition enforcement agents from Rutland came to Burlington yesterday and, with the aid of Sheriff Henry Todd, seized 118 bottles of prime Scotch whiskey, valued at \$800, and arrested Samuel Agel, 40, the authorities state, in an address of George A. Agel, grand juror of Burlington.

Agel was admitted to \$500 bail furnished by his brother, Joseph A. Agel. The charge was being the owner or keeper of the liquor.

The raid was made at a house at 18 Decatur street. The raid was held up for several hours after the arrival of the enforcement officers at the house because Samuel Agel objected to the warrant because he was not named in it. After long search State's Attorney Horton was found trying a case in Winoski city court, and a warrant was issued. In the meantime two of the enforcement officers had been kept at the house on guard.

When the warrant was read the Agel brothers are alleged to have led the way to the attic and Samuel pulled 118 quarts of whiskey from under the eaves, declaring that was all the liquor he possessed. Not satisfied the officers began a search and one cache after another was uncovered until 118 bottles were counted.

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## WOMAN'S BODY LAY IN ALLEY

Mrs. Katherine G. Crowley of Somerville, Mass., Possible Suicide

## HUSBAND SAID SHE TALKED OF IT

Body Was Found in Snow Back of Her Home To-day

Somerville, Mass., Dec. 8.—The body of Mrs. Katherine G. Crowley was found early to-day lying in the snow in an alley back of her home. It was believed by police that she had fallen from the roof.

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